

LEAP NEWS

Friday 26 January 2024

SPANISH PHRASE of the week
Está muy oscuro.... It is very dark....

Kingsmead, Gayhurst and Mandeville Primary Schools working in partnership



KINGSMEAD IS OUTSTANDING!

We are delighted to be able to write to you about the amazing outcome for Kingsmead in its recent OFSTED inspection. Kingsmead was first judged to be outstanding in 2011 some 13 years ago now, but OFSTED has changed a good deal in the meantime and it has become much harder to achieve an outstanding grade.

Kingsmead didn't stand still after its 2011 inspection but went on to be designated as National Teaching School and Louise Nichols, as the then headteacher of Kingsmead, became an National Leader of Education. In 2012 Louise became Executive Headteacher of Gayhurst as well. In 2014 we formed the LEAP Federation so that we could work together with other schools collaboratively and in 2015 Mandeville joined us to complete the group of schools that LEAP is today. The unique focus of LEAP schools has always been the Arts (the A in LEAP) and delivering our curriculum through visual and performing arts where possible, for example Kingsmead is a Platinum Artsmark school, the highest accolade a school can be awarded by the Arts Council. In 2019 we started our complete rework of the curriculum to produce what is now known as the 'Empowerment curriculum' which is Rich, Representative and Relevant and a bespoke curriculum delivered only in our schools. Three separate OFSTED teams in the last two years have now recognised that our curriculum is exemplary and that each of our schools is child centred and aims to develop the whole child and care about the wellbeing of every child and member of staff.

It is always difficult to maintain an 'exemplary in all areas' OFSTED judgement and with all credit to the Kingsmead team, that is exactly what they did. A few highlights from the report that can be read [here](#) are:

'This is a school where everyone is treated fairly and equally. Pupils' best interests are at the heart of all the school's work.' 'Pupils are exceptionally well behaved and show kindness and respect for their fellow pupils and school staff. The school provides many engaging activities to spark pupils' interests and nurture their talents.'

A huge congratulations to Evelyn, Kingsmead's headteacher, and the whole school team including our hard working LEAP governors for this amazing result. We are sure you will join everyone at Kingsmead and in the federation, in celebrating this amazing outcome.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION GOES LIVE

Today every parent who is registered as the primary carer for their family at a LEAP school should have received an email inviting them to vote in the election.

In cases where there are two or more parents registered, we have also sent votes. As we said last week if you are a parent/carer of a child at one of our schools you are entitled to vote so if you have not received a vote please email your school admin office

Gayhurst – admin@gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk

Kingsmead – admin@kingsmead.hackney.sch.uk

Mandeville – mdvoffice@mandeville.hackney.sch.uk

We have two parent governor posts to fill so each parent needs to choose the TWO candidates they would like to see as Parent Governors and vote for them, regardless of the number of children you have in the school.

If you are not able to vote electronically you can ask the office to print you a copy and vote on paper but where possible we ask parents to vote electronically, if at all possible, as it keeps the process simple, fair and transparent. The voting system counts the votes and lets us know the outcome on the final day. Paper votes will be counted by the headteacher in each school and added to the electronic votes.

The voting starts today, Friday 26th January and finishes at **5pm on Monday 19th February**. There are 8 candidates across the three schools and again, as we said last week, please choose candidates on their statements not on whether they are a parent at your child's school.

The two candidates with the most votes will be elected to the LEAP governing body.

We really want to thank the candidates for putting themselves forward for this very important role and are happy to answer any queries by any parent on the process.

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HALF TERM COOKERY CLUB AT HACKNEY SCHOOL OF FOOD

Little Chefs Holiday Club

12, 13 & 14 February (half-term)

Over 3 days this February half-term, the Hackney School of Food in Oswald Street, Lower Clapton is running a range of cooking classes for children to learn recipes from across the globe, from Mexican street-food to celebrating Shrove Tuesday with Japanese pancakes. Little chefs will be taught by a trained chef and will gain kitchen confidence and try new foods, while making new local friends. There's also an opportunity to spend time in the garden and see the chickens. Classes run Monday-Wednesday mornings or afternoons and you can book individual classes or sign up for all 3 days. These are paid for sessions for children age 7+ . Places are limited so book [here](#) to ensure your place.



LEAP CHICKS ARE GROWING UP!



The LEAP federation chickens are 15 weeks old today! Happy 15th weeks birthday to them...

Their mum Cinnamon, pictured here with them as chicks tucked into her feathers, proved herself to be a brilliant mum and was looking after them really well over the cold autumn and winter times, teaching them everything they needed to know to survive.



LEAP CHICKS ARE GROWING UP CONTINUED....

Lidka, our wonderful school gardener, said she particularly loved watching her scratching and finding the worms for them. Cinnamon decided she completed her motherhood duties when the chicks were 10 weeks old. They have been fully independent since then! And look how much they have changed and how grown up they now appear!

They love being outside and munching on whatever greens they can find in the garden. Their favourite though are sorrel, chard and beetroot leaves.



**Gayhurst's
chicken
Chickpea**

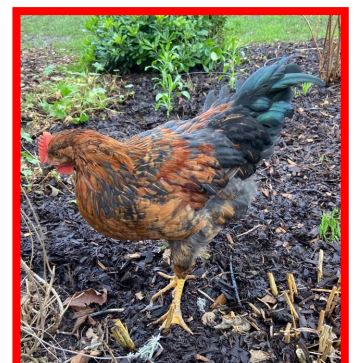


**Kingsmead's
chicken
Sunflower**



**Mandeville's
chicken
Pumpkin**

**School of Food's
chicken Poppy**





SPRING TERM 2024

1st half of term: 08.01.24 - 09.01.24

Half term: 12 - 16 Feb 2024

2nd half of term: 19.02.24 - 28.03.24

GREEN POINTS	Class	Points	TOP ATTENDANCE
Phase 1 (EYFS)	Panther	50	River 98.8% Mercury 98.5%
Phase 2	Ocean	247	
Phase 3	Mars	129	



WEEKLY CLASS AWARDS

Jaguar class	Enzo
Lion class	Anaya
Panther class	Jonathan & Madiha
Ocean class	Nya & Jonathan

River class	Dave & Ayesha C
Forest class	Jameyi & Darragh
Mercury class	Lavin & Zaylen
Mars class	Aniyah & Kamali
Venus class	Ellie & Yasmeen

'MANAGING BEHAVIOURS THAT CHALLENGE' PARENT WORKSHOP

Join us for an exciting face to face parent workshop next week on **Friday Feb 02 2024** from 9am - 10am. This workshop is designed to help parents manage behaviour that challenges in their children. We understand that parenting can be tough, especially when dealing with challenging behaviour from your child. It is very common for behaviours that challenge to present during difficult times of change such as when returning to school. That's why we've put together this workshop to provide you with practical tips and strategies to help you navigate these situations.

Our Education Mental Health Practitioners will guide you through various scenarios and provide you with the tools you need to handle them effectively. This one hour introductory workshop aims to provide parents and carers with information, skills and strategies to help manage undesirable behaviours you may be facing, including positive parenting strategies for maintaining positive relationships and for helping children with their routine. You'll learn how to identify the root cause of challenging behaviour, how to communicate effectively with your child, and how to set boundaries and consequences. We'll also discuss positive reinforcement techniques that can help encourage good behaviour.

This workshop is suitable for parents of children in primary school. Whether you're dealing with tantrums, defiance, or more serious behavioural issues, this workshop will provide you with the support and guidance to manage difficult behaviours in your child.

FUNDING FOR WORKING PARENTS EXPANDING

The Government is expanding its funding for working parents from April 2024 onwards. The first stage of the roll out will see **eligible working parents of two-year-olds receive 15 hours free childcare per week starting from April 2024**. Please click [here](#) for more information.



COFFEE MORNING: READY STEADY READ

Come to our...



...Workshop

Do you have a child in year 2 or 3?

Come and learn to love reading again, and have lots of fun with them while you're doing it!

Tuesday 30th January 2024

9:10-10am



Refreshments and snacks provided!

Stay and use the chance to talk about your child's reading.



KEY DATES THIS TERM

Tues 30 Jan Coffee Morning: Ready, Steady, Read - Y2/3 9:10-10:00 am

Fri 2 Feb Managing behaviours that challenge workshop - with Pel our EMHP 9 - 10am

w/c 5 Feb LEAP Creativity Week

Tues 6 Feb Coffee Morning: E-Safety 9:10-10:00 am

Wed 7 Feb Community consultation for Hackney School of Food - 3.30—4pm

Thurs 8 Feb Coffee Morning- International Evening planning 9.10 - 10am +
Rec class assembly 10.10am

w/c 12 Feb Half term break

Thurs 7 March Mandeville's International Evening

Tues 26 March Parent/carers evening
school finishes early at 1:30pm

Thurs 28 March Last day of term
school finishes early at 1:30pm

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MANDEVILLE'S INTERNATIONAL EVENING 2024

We are delighted to announce that International Evening 2024 will take place on **Thursday 7th March**. International Evening is one of the highlights of the year and an opportunity for us to all come together and celebrate our diverse community. We would love for you to get involved, as our families are what make the evening so special. If you would like to contribute a dish, perform, run an activity or stall or help with decorations, please come and speak to **Meret or Natalie**. Chef packs will be available in the office from next week. We are holding a coffee morning next week on Thursday 8th February from 9.10- 10am for all parents who would like to be involved, to discuss logistics for this event.



OCEAN MATHS WORKSHOP

This week we ran our first Ocean Maths workshop for parents and carers of Year 2 children, and we would like to thank those parents for their enthusiasm and for taking time out of their day to attend.

We demonstrated how we can help children count in groups of 2, 5 and 10 (both forwards and backwards), and how important it is for children to spot patterns. We looked at how they can learn their times tables and division facts off by heart, using games and resources that can be found at home. These methods can be used for learning all the times tables and we look forward to seeing lots of children knowing all their times tables up to 12x12 in the future.



MANDEVILLE BREAKFAST CLUB START TIME

Dear families, in response to the feedback we have received from you, we are pleased to tell you that we will be opening up our breakfast club from **07:45** every day from **Monday 29th January 2024**. There will be no increase in price. We hope that you find this supportive.

